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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In the Title:

Amend the Title as follows:

Messaging Mechanism Employing Mailboxes for Inter Processor CommunicationsIn the Abstract:

Amend the Abstract as follows:

After the last sentence, insert "The line processor(s) conserves backplane bandwidth by selectively consolidating selected tasks onto the service processor to reduce the number of accesses to the backplane."

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